Okhla, Howrah, Madras and Rajkot and their Sub-Centres provides technical upgradation, training, testing and common facilities. These PDTCs also develop tool kits for rural artisans and workmen. Training in technical trades for shop floor, skilled labour and advanced training on computers, CNC machines etc. are also being given. Technical guidance to small scale units are also provided through PDTCs and the financial assistance is provided through its various schemes. The Corporation provides financial assistance to small scale entrepreneurs by way of providing machines on hire purchase basis and equipment on lease terms for expansion, diversification and modernisation. Short term financial assistance are provided for raw material procurement, working capital, pre and post shipment export finance.

Besides, it also provides general guidance to small scale units through participation in national and international exhibitions, trade fairs, buyerseller meets etc. It also undertakes programmes for export promotion of the products of SSI sector.

Industrial units established in Bihar

2740. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Industrial Enterpreneurs Memorandum have been received so far by Government after the commencement of new Industrial policy in respect of Bihar;

(b) how many Industrial units have actually been established in the State under those Memoranda with details of the investment made therein and the employment provided so far in the State; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to ensure that all the units under the Memoranda are established in time in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b). Since the commencement of New Industrial Policy till 28th February, 1995, 166 Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda (IEMs) have been filed with the Government for establishing new units/ new articles/expansion of existing industrial units at the districts of Dhanbad, Singhbhum, Patna, Ranchi, Bhojpur etc. in the State of Bihar for various industries including metallurgical, industrial alcohol, glass, cement etc. with a projected investment of Rs. 4057 crores and projected employment for 24413 persons. Against these IEMs, till end December 1994, 7 units had reported commencement of commercial production (involving investment of Rs. 11 crores) to the Government of India. However, as per information furnished by the Government of Bihar, 42 IEMs have been implemented so far. Information on employment created from implementation of IEMs is not centrally maintained.

(c) It is for the State Government concerned to extend all facilities to prospective entrepreneurs for quick implementation of the investment intentions.

Growth Centres in Bihar

2741. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Growth Centre Scheme is in vogue since 1988 for the industrially backward areas in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) how many Growth Centres were approved by Government for the State of Bihar with details thereof; and

(d) how much investment has so far been made in each of these Growth Centres in Bihar and how many industrial units have so far been attracted by these Growth Centres?